

Adult Literacy Contact Centre Newsletter



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New Computer System

YES Canada has developed computer software for literacy training (the "Pathfinder Learning System"). The Pathfinder Learning System is a computer-managed, competency-based, mastery learning system that provides individualized, self-paced learning to adults who wish to upgrade their basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, the social sciences, employment and life skills. For more information call Tanya Northcott at 435-1937.

Provincial Advisory Committee

A committee has been formed to advise the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training about literacy issues. For more information about members, meetings, and terms of reference call Gwen Armstrong at 387-6176.

Literacy And Youth

A group of individuals have held meetings to discuss issues around literacy and youth. Anyone interested in finding out more about the meetings can call Justine Bizzocchi at 685-7375.

Roadshow Production

Langara theatre students are searching government funding to restart John Lazarus's literacy play, "Marks on Paper." If the actors receive funding they will be able to perform the play in many different venues at little or no cost to the centres or businesses. They need your letters of recommendation if you have seen the play or if you would be interested in having the play performed for your group. Letters of support can be addressed to:

Ms. Sue Smee
National Literacy Secretariat
c/o Mrs. D. McBride
5254 Cambridge Court
Delta, B.C.
V4M 3Z1

or call Debbie (943-9615) or Maribel (943-0374) and they will be happy to pick up your letters.

Partners In Reading

Parents who are interested in encouraging children to read can participate in "Partners in Reading," scheduled October 13, 1988. This event, sponsored by the Vancouver Sun, will be held at Robson Square Media Centre. Anyone interested can call Marilyn Stusiak at 732-2174. Special programs on children's literature will also be offered during Vancouver Writers' Festival beginning October 26.

First Things First

The documentary, "First Things First," will be aired on October 19 at 9:00 pm. on Channel 9. Phylicia Rashad (Clair Huxtable of The Cosby Show) will host the documentary.

Many thanks to Joyce Cameron for donating \$100 to PLBC.

CFUW

The Canadian Federation of University Women have been instrumental in increasing government support for literacy organizations and special adult literacy projects, including those in the workplace. We wish to thank the CFUW for their inspiring and continuous efforts in addressing the literacy issue. Call Phyllis Scott for further discussions (987-3381, local 17).

Literacy And The Workplace

Shirley Abrams has been contracted by the ABE Association to initiate and promote workplace programs. If you have any questions for Shirley, messages may be left at the Contact Centre (594-0664).

Carnegie Library

Carnegie Centre is attempting to develop an ABE collection of materials in their library. Contact Corinne Durston at 665-3015.

Thanks

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre wishes to thank the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training, and the Secretary of State of Canada for continued funding.

Annual Walk-A-Thon

The Walk was a great success this year. Many thanks to all the guest celebrity speakers, the participants and the contributors. Donations are still trickling in to the Contact Centre.

Learner Conference Evaluations

Summary evaluations of the Learner Conference are almost ready. If you would like a copy, please contact Barb Bate at Fraser Valley College—792-0025.

Project Literacy B.C. Meeting

Friday October 28, 1988
10:00 am.

Board Room, 5th Floor
Vancouver Community College/KEC
1155 E. Broadway, Vancouver

Agenda

- Reports
- Announcements
- Discussion on "the newspaper and literacy."
- Presentation on the "Pathfinder Learning System."

Learning Together ...tutor materials

The materials for Learning Together will not be ready until January, 1989. Any questions about the tutor materials or the video can be directed to Doug Legderwood (North Vancouver School District 986-8888) or (Gwen Armstrong 387-6176).

Thanks... to the Invergarry Learning Centre for desktop publishing our monthly newsletter.

Suggestions

If you have any notices for upcoming newsletters, please send information to the Contact Centre before the last day of each month. Call Cherie Layne if you have any questions.

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